

Delta Trail Blueprint Report – Presentations to Contra Costa and Solano Counties

As an initial step in getting the ‘Great California Delta Trail Blueprint Report for Contra Costa and Solano Counties’ adopted by each county Board of Supervisors, Delta Protection Commission staff has made presentation to relevant committees. The objective of these presentations was to acquire the committees’ recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on adoption of the Blueprint Reports.

Contra Costa County

On February 28th 2011, Delta Protection Commission staff presented the Blueprint Report to the Contra Costa County Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee. Committee members are Supervisor Mary Piepho and Supervisor Karen Mitchoff. The Committee agreed to move forward with a recommendation of the Blueprint Report to the full board. County Staff mentioned that they had been engaged in discussions on Delta Trail alignment. Supervisor Mitchoff requested that the Blueprint Reports be distributed to the mayors of Contra Costa County for informational purposes, in time for the March 3rd 2011 Mayors Conference, and Delta Protection Commission staff followed through with this request. Delta Protection Commission staff will work with county staff on next steps of scheduling a presentation about the Blueprint Report to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

Solano County

On January 13th 2011 Delta Protection Commission staff delivered and presented the Blueprint Report to the Solano County Parks and Recreation Commission, and returned to the March 10th 2011 meeting to receive feedback. The Parks and Recreation Commission supported the concept of the Delta Trail, but had a number of comments about the Blueprint Report including:

- A handful of places, specifically Sandy Beach County Park, Belden’s Landing Water Access Facility, and Lynch Canyon Open Space Park, were omitted from relevant portions of the report, but could serve as key trailhead opportunities, especially for water trails.
- They would have preferred to review the Blueprint Report in draft form.
- Solano County Parks and Recreation department staff was not invited to serve on the Technical and/or Stakeholder Advisor Committee.
- The cities of Benicia, Suisun City and Vallejo, had not been involved, all of which are actively supporting waterfront recreation and trails.
- An existing bike and pedestrian access point on 780 was missing from the report.

Delta Protection Commission staff stated as this document is just a blueprint report, concerns such as these could be addressed during the Delta Trail’s mater planning process. The Parks and Recreation Commission will compose a letter with their comments for the Delta Protection Commission, and would like this letter incorporated into the Blueprint Report as an attachment, if possible. Delta Protection Commission staff will work with Solano County Parks and Recreation Commission Staff on next steps of scheduling a presentation about the Blueprint Report to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.